



# LIBRARY LOOKOUT

## Conference Scholarships Offered

The West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) is pleased to announce the formation of two **scholarships to attend this year's** Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina from September 27-29, 2012. Funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), in conjunction with WVLC, provides up to \$1000 reimbursement for registration, travel, hotel and meals for each scholarship recipient.

**The scholarship's criteria** for applicants who must work in a West Virginia public library include:

- Never attended an ARSL Conference before

- Library service population is less than 20,000
  - Willingness to network and share
  - Agree to write a one-page article for a future WVLC newsletter
  - Agree to speak at an upcoming seminar/webinar about the Conference or a specific subject area of interest related to a conference session
  - If not the head of a library, Supervisor approval of the application
- Completed applications must be mailed and received at WVLC by May 31st, and scholarship winners will be

announced by June 30th. It is up to the recipient to make all travel arrangements.

For more information, see the WVLC website. Any questions should be directed to John Paul Myrick at (800) 642-9021, #2. or via email at [john.p.myrick@wv.gov](mailto:john.p.myrick@wv.gov).

Topics to be covered at this **year's conference** include **"Adult Programs on a \$0 Budget"**, **"Saks Fifth Avenue Service on a Dollar General Budget"**, **"Small But Powerful Guide to Winning Support"** and more. For info about the conference, see <http://arsl.info/>

## WV STATS

### AT A GLANCE...

*General:*

\* West Virginia has 175 public libraries including 80 branches.

\* There are 7 bookmobiles in service in the state.

\* Of the 97 library systems, 54% have a service population under 10,000.

\* There are 857,444 registered borrowers in West Virginia public libraries. 47.4% of West Virginians hold an active library card.

\* Since 2000, West Virginia public libraries have added 535,263 books (an increase of 10%) and over 18,000 digital books of various formats.

\* 19,653 children and young adults participated in the FY11 Summer Reading Programs.



**2012 ARSL  
Annual Conference:  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
September 27-29, 2012**

## Ohio River Festival of Books Scheduled

The Ohio River Festival of Books is set for April 20-26 in **Huntington. ORFOB's mission** is to promote literacy and encourage local authors in the Tri-State (West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio) area. From author Julia Keller to the Mad-

cap Puppets, there is something for everyone at this **year's festival. All Festival** events are free with the exception of the Friends of the Library Luncheon. Besides Keller, William Vollman will be highlighted as a keynote

author. For more information, check out the Festival website at <http://ohioriverbooks.org/index.html>. This biennial festival is sponsored by the Cabell County Public Library.

*COME, LEARN, & ENJOY!*

## About “Library Lookout”

In June 1942, the relatively new West Virginia Library Commission published its first edition of “**Library Lookout.**” This mimeographed newsletter was to spread the word among West Virginian’s and libraries about growth, programs, and services. Today, 60 years later, we resurrect the “Lookout” to again tell the story of West Virginia’s public libraries, and hopefully spread the word about services of the West Virginia Library Commission and the development of information services within the state.

In the first 1942 issue, “Lookout” provided an update on the wartime “Victory Book Campaign.” Today, West Virginia’s libraries continue to fight wars—wars against illiteracy, against declining funding, and against apathy towards our libraries. Hopefully this new electronic “Lookout” will give libraries the ammunition needed to keep WV public libraries at the forefront of the battle for a better quality of life for all Mountaineers.

**Tell us how “Lookout” can be of service to you, and send us your library’s stories! We want to highlight what is wild and wonderful about West Virginia’s public libraries. Please send your news, photos, etc. to [john.p.myrick@wv.gov](mailto:john.p.myrick@wv.gov).**

## LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED

The West Virginia Library Commission will be meeting on Friday, May 4th at 11:00 AM. This meeting will be held in Princeton, WV at the Princeton Public Library located at 920 Mercer Street. Among other items on the agenda, the **first hearing on the Commission’s 2014 budget** will be held. According to **Secretary Karen Goff, “Public input is very important in the budget process.”** The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.



## MENTORS NEEDED !

The Bridging the Gap II Program, designed to train future West Virginia public library leaders needs your help. Library mentors are needed to confer with participants, offering them advice and guidance. This is your chance to give to the next generation of West Virginia librarians and to contribute to the future of West Virginia’s libraries. For more information or to register, please see [wvlibrarians.org](http://wvlibrarians.org).

## SALARY SURVEY SOON TO BEGIN

The West Virginia Library Commission is once again requesting salary information from public and academic libraries. The report compiled from this survey is used to create recommendations on salaries and to provide data for state and local planning. The Library Commission surveys libraries every two years.

A link to the online salary survey will be sent via email in the coming weeks. We feel the library director will find this online form easier to use. A link to the survey will be emailed to all academic and public library directors and posted on the WVLC Web site very soon.

No library names are used in the final survey report, but we do request the library name only so that we can categorize libraries by service population and operating expenditures. Academic libraries are reported as a single group.

Please submit the survey promptly so that we can compile this needed data quickly. Please report current gross salary as of January 1, 2012 for each position.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Brown at 1-800-642-9021 ext. 2 or [melissa.j.brown@wv.gov](mailto:melissa.j.brown@wv.gov). We appreciate your assistance in this research.

*Library Commission website: [www.librarycommission.wv.gov](http://www.librarycommission.wv.gov)*

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## FIGHTING THE FIRES OF HATE

Exhibit at Raleigh County Public Library tells the story of America Fighting Nazi Censorship

On May 10, 1933, university students across Nazi Germany burned thousands of books in an ominous "cleansing" of the "un-German spirit" from German culture. Writings by scores of German and foreign authors, including Helen Keller, Ernest Hemingway, and Sigmund Freud, were consumed in spectacularly staged bonfires. Americans quickly condemned the events as hostile to the spirit of democracy and the freedom of expression.

*Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings* explores how the book burnings became a potent symbol in America's battle against

Nazism and why they continue to resonate with the public--in film, literature, and political discourse-- to this day.

The Raleigh County Public Library has the honor to host this traveling exhibition produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum beginning on April 12th. The exhibition will be open to the public during normal library hours until June 10th, at which time the exhibition will travel to its next location. Come share this glimpse into our history during the exhibition's West Virginia debut.



*Our congratulations to Amy Lilly and the staff at Raleigh County for being selected to host this national exhibition.*

From the Author: SARAH SULLIVAN

### 2011 WV Center for the Book Letters about Literature Guest Speaker

Sarah Sullivan is the author of four picture books, most recently *Passing The Music Down*, a 2012 NCTE Notable Book in the Language Arts and a nominee for the West Virginia Children's Choice Book Award and the Cybils Award. The West Virginia Library Commission selected *Passing The Music Down* to represent the state at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. in 2011. This story was inspired by the lives of West Virginia fiddlers Melvin Wine and Jake **Krack** and includes an author's note and suggested resources. Sarah's third book, *Once Upon a Baby Brother*, was included on the Bank Street College Best Children's Books of 2011 list and her book, *Dear Baby: Letters*

*from Your Big Brother* was an Oppenheim Gold Portfolio Award winner. She holds an MFA in Writing for Children from Vermont College where she won the Harcourt Post-Graduate Scholarship. Her poetry has been published in *Cricket* magazine and her work has also appeared



in *Hunger Mountain* and in the *Journal of Children's Literature*. Her first novel is scheduled for publication by Candlewick Press in 2013. Sarah has taught writing workshops at The Writer's Center in Bethesda, MD and in the Highlights Foundation Founders Workshops in Boyd's Mills, Pennsylvania, as well as in libraries and schools throughout the country. Prior to writing for young people, Sarah practiced law in Charleston for 14 years. A graduate of Tufts University, she was born in Fairmont and lives with her husband in Charleston.

Contact Rebecca Rice at WVLC for more information. 800-642-9021, #2

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## LIBRARY SCHOOLS WITH DISTANCE ED. PROGRAMS SERVING WV.

WV needs professional librarians! Want to go back to school? Check out these total online programs:

Univ. of Alabama:

<http://www.slis.ua.edu/Online.html>

University of S. Carolina:

[http://www.libsci.sc.edu/de/  
index.htm](http://www.libsci.sc.edu/de/index.htm)

University of Kentucky:

<http://cis.uky.edu/lis/node/193>

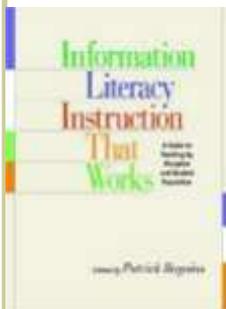
University of Tennessee:

[http://www.sis.utk.edu/programs/  
de](http://www.sis.utk.edu/programs/de)

## FROM OUR LIBRARY TO YOURS

By Heather Campbell-Shock

***The West Virginia Library Commission has an extensive library science collection that libraries in the state may borrow from. Here are some of our favorites:***



Information Literacy Instruction that Works - edited by Patrick Ragains

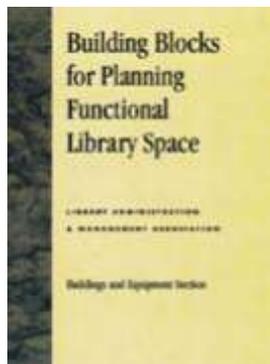
Call Number: 028.7071 INFORMATION. ISBN: 1555705731

*Here, over twenty library instructors share their best practices for reaching out to today's unique users. Each chapter covers instructional design, lesson planning, library/faculty collaborations, marketing programs, assessment, and more.*

Risky Business: Taking and Managing Risks in Library Services for Teens - Linda Braun and others

Call Number: 027.626 BRAUN. ISBN: 0838935966

*Do we add that edgy urban novel to our teen collection? Should we initiate social networking? What about abandoning Dewey for a bookstore arrangement? Change is risky business, but librarians must be prepared to initiate change to best serve teens. This book lays the groundwork for change in key areas such as collection building and programming.*



Building Blocks for Planning Functional Library Space

Call Number: 022.9 BUILDING. ISBN: 0810841363

*Provides detailed formulas to help calculate the square footage required for every conceivable element of a library building. New to this edition are up-to-date specifications for computer workstations, and visual representations of complex configurations. It answers the critical question, 'How much space do we need?'*

It Comes with the Territory: Handling Problem Situations in Libraries - Anne M. Turner. Call Number: 025.5 TURNER. ISBN: 0786418877

*From the perspective of a working director, this thoroughly updated and revised edition is a commonsense guide to setting fair and appropriate behavior rules and training staff in how to implement them evenhandedly and with reasonably good humor.*

## NOTES FROM THE

### SECRETARY



Karen E. Goff,  
Secretary,  
West Virginia Library  
Commission

#### Picture This

No one correctly identified the picture of the old house in the last *News From WVLC*. It was the house on the WVU campus **(near the President's home)** that originally housed the West Virginia Library Commission. Thanks to everyone who submitted a guess.

#### Advocacy Workshop

'*Rallying Your Community: Mobilizing the Grassroots*' is an upcoming webinar from ALA to showcase examples of community advocacy efforts. This **FREE** webinar will be held by ALA's Committee on Library Advocacy from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, May 2.

In a difficult economy, the citizen voice is more important than ever. Learn how two community organizations, the Sustainable Library Citizens Coalition of Indianapolis-Marion County (Ind.) Public Library and Urban Librarians Unite of New York City, have used their voices to impact library funding. Registration is mandatory. Visit <https://ala.ilinc.com/register/thvbchx> to sign up today.

Please let us know how we can be of service here at the WVLC.

## GRANT NEWS

WVLC is currently reviewing supplemental grant applications from WV public libraries. Roughly \$859,000.00 was requested by libraries. Unfortunately, only \$136,000 is available. Grant award notifications will be mailed soon.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Urban Libraries Council (ULC), and Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) are partnering to offer Learning Labs in Libraries and Museums Grants. Up to \$100,000 can be granted to libraries to support the planning and designing of learning labs to engage middle and high school students in mentor-led, interest-based, youth-centered collaborative learning using digital and traditional media. The deadline to apply is June 15, 2012. IMLS, ULC, and ASTC invite you to participate in a pre-application web conference on May 9th or May 23rd to learn more about the grants and application process. For more information please visit: <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=20>

The Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant provides funds for public libraries, schools, and other nonprofits to help students who are below grade level or experiencing difficulties learning to read. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000. The deadline to apply is May 16, 2012. Visit website to apply: [http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth\\_grants.aspx](http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/youth_grants.aspx)

The *Challenge America Fast-Track* category of Grants for Art Projects from the National Endowment for the Arts offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations - those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. For more information and application guidelines, visit [ww.nea.gov](http://ww.nea.gov) and click on grants. Deadline for these grants is May 24, 2012.

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation offers mini-grants of \$500 to Public Schools and Public Libraries for programs that encourage literacy and creativity in children. Programs relating to the work of Ezra Jack Keats (writer and illustrator) are welcome, but not required. An application form is available on the website at <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/>. Creative projects funded in the past include on-going pen-pal projects to bring disparate communities together, multi-cultural portrait projects, art projects culminating in public works or exhibitions of art, bookmaking, creation of puppet shows and inter-generational journals.

### TELL US HOW LIBRARY LOOKOUT CAN HELP YOU!

- Please submit your library news, photos and info to us!
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